



DRC Policy on Compliance with the First Unnumbered Paragraph of Family Financial Settlement Rule 8.A.

(Adopted by the Dispute Resolution Commission on February 13, 2009; revised on March 26, 2014.)

1. Applicants who have served as North Carolina district court judges and who, for at least four years of their service, have spent at least 25 percent of their time on family cases, are exempt from the requirements set forth in the first unnumbered paragraph of FFS Rule 8.A.
2. Applicants who are North Carolina board certified family law specialists will be exempt from the requirements set forth in the first unnumbered paragraph of FFS Rule 8.A.
3. Applicants who are qualified as board certified family law specialists in another State will be required to take the North Carolina Bar Association's 2-day basic NC family law course or an equivalent course(s) whether offered live or by video-replay or on DVD.
4. Attorney applicants, at least 25 percent of whose practice has been devoted to family law for each of the past four years and who have completed at least 12.75 hours of family law CLE in the past two years, will be exempt from the requirements set forth in the first unnumbered paragraph of FFS Rule 8.A provided that the attorney certifies that at least 25 percent of his/her practice is devoted to family law and provides evidence of the CLE courses completed.
5. All other applicants, including non-attorneys and attorneys who have practiced little or no family law must complete the two day course or submit other NC family law related courses which taken together are comparable to a two-day basic family law course.
6. Simply reading course materials will not be acceptable. A course(s) must be attended either live, via video-replay in a group setting, or by individually watching a video or DVD.